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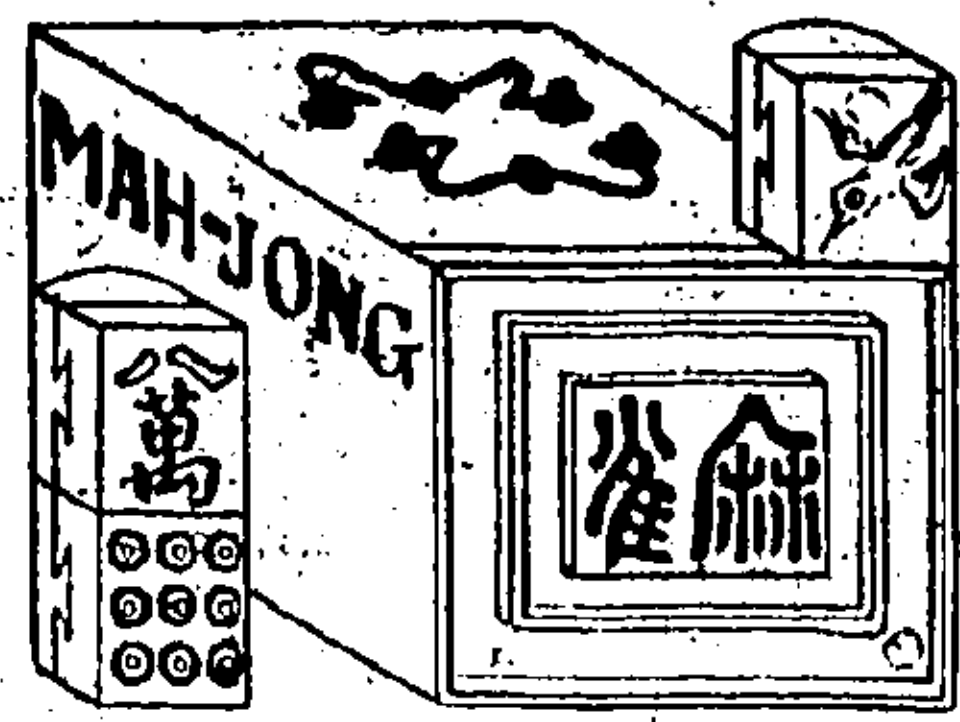
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POINCARÉ'S WARNING TO GERMANY.

"THE SLOPE IS STEEP."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, September 23.

Unveiling a war monument at Champenoux, M. Poincaré expressed astonishment that Germany had forgotten the generosity of her victors in 1918 signing the armistice when about to invade Germany and destroy the last German divisions. There were still people across the Rhine who had neither eyes to see nor ears to hear and who led the country into fresh catastrophes, foolishly expending in revolts against the treaty signed by Germany resources which might be employed in carrying it out, and who seemed to resemble suicidal maniacs. "What is to be done? Let us wait. When they are on the very edge of the precipice they can still thank God that to save themselves from falling they have only to recognise the vanity of their resistance to prove to us they are determined to keep their promises, but let them beware that the slope is steep and it is not we who are slipping."

"MERELY SUSPENDED."

PARIS, September 23.

Unveiling a war monument at Toul M. Poincaré emphasised that the present crisis in Germany had merely suspended Germany's capacity to pay reparations without diminishing them in the future. Germany only lacked the desire to pay. France had already paid over a hundred milliards in Germany's stead and could no longer continue payments which were ruining her nor interrupt the work of reconstruction of the devastated regions. As long as Germany delayed payment the French would remain where they were.

SURRENDER MUST BE UNCONDITIONAL.

PARIS, September 23.

M. Poincaré made three speeches to-day but did not refer to his meeting with Mr. Baldwin or to Anglo-French relations, probably owing to his speeches having been prepared in advance. Speaking at Bois le Pretre in the afternoon he emphasised that Germany's surrender in the Ruhr must be unconditional.

EMPIRE WIRELESS CHAIN.

BARGAINING WITH MARCONI.

LONDON, September 23.

Confirming the Daily Telegraph's announcement that the negotiations between the Post Office and Marconi for an Empire wireless service have reached a deadlock, the Observer's wireless expert says it appears the Post Office insists on securing for itself an exclusive monopoly of the wireless services to Canada, South Africa, and Egypt or a pooling arrangement whereunder Marconi give the Post Office the free use of the whole of its patents, the service to be run by the Post Office by Government officials without Marconi's having any power to control the working of the service and the Company to place at the disposal of the Post Office stations which it will erect in the Dominions. The Dominion Premiers are certain to insist on a searching inquiry into the matter.

"HONEST JOHN"

DEATH OF LORD MORLEY.

LONDON, September 23.

The death is announced of Lord Morley.

Lord Morley of Blackburn was created a Viscount in 1908. He held various offices in Liberal Governments and was universally esteemed being popularly known as "Honest John." At the outbreak of war he immediately resigned from office, his conscience being against war in any shape or form. His activities in literary matters are well known, his life of Gladstone being not merely a literary excursion but a tribute to a leader and a friend.]

LONDON, September 23.

Lord Morley's illness lasted only a few hours. He enjoyed good health until this morning when he was suddenly taken ill at his London residence and died peacefully in the evening.

AMERICA CUP.

LIPTON TO CHALLENGE.

LONDON, September 23.

Sir Thomas Lipton on arrival from America stated definitely that he had decided to challenge in the America Cup race for 1925. Plans were in hand for the construction of a new "Shamrock."

RUHR WRANGLE.

IMPORTANT GERMAN CONFERENCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BERLIN, September 23.

It is semi-officially stated that representatives of the occupied territory, particularly the Ruhr, are to meet in Berlin at the beginning of the week in order to participate in discussions with the Imperial Government and the Presidents of the German States with regard to the question of the cessation of passive resistance in the Ruhr. The Imperial Government will then give a decision as a result of the discussions. Authoritative quarters are convinced that responsible circles in France must realise that without the restoration of German sovereignty and normal conditions of freedom of labour a full return to the early productive activities of the Ruhr is impossible. Thus the Government's decision will not in any circumstances imply capitulation whereby the Rhineland and Ruhr will be given up.

BULGARIAN ROBBERY.

COMMUNISTS CAUSING TROUBLE.

SOFIA, September 23.

It is semi-officially stated that a complete calm prevails in the capital. The Communist disturbances mentioned on September 20 are being repressed with the assistance of the population of South Bulgaria. Communist bands three hundred strong attempted to seize power in certain districts, notably Novazogora where they secured possession of the sub-prefecture and proclaimed a Soviet republic. Fifteen hours later Government troops relieved the town, killing thirty-four and capturing the majority of the remainder. Communist groups also proclaimed a republic in the Kazanlik district. A detachment of troops re-established order and the rebels fled to the mountains where they are now being besieged.

NIPPING REVOLT IN THE BUD.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT THREATENED.

BERLIN, September 23.

It is semi-officially stated in connection with threats in different quarters against the German Government that a conference yesterday between Hen Ebert, the Chancellor, the Ministers for the Interior and Defence, and the Commander-in-Chief, General von Seeckt, decided upon measures to nip all such attempts in the bud. Government circles are fully agreed that necessary measures should be taken immediately to oppose any possible attempt to upset the power of the State and to secure for the Government all the resources it may require.

BALLOON RACE.

AIR ACCIDENTS.

BRUSSELS, September 23.

In the Gordon Bennett cup race the Spanish balloon caught fire near Malines and the pilot was killed. The Swiss balloon caught fire in the Antwerp province and both occupants were killed.

VOITURETTE VICTOR.

LEMANS, September 23.

The International Cup for Voiturettes over a course of 604 kilometres, 170 metres, was won by Divot on a Talbot in 216 minutes, 12/5 seconds.

WOMEN ATHLETES.

ENGLAND SUCCESSFUL.

PARIS, September 23.

In the women's athletic meeting, England beat France by 7 events to 2, scoring 60 points as against 37.

TO-DAY'S EARTHQUAKE.

EGYPT THIS TIME.

CAIRO, September 23.

The Helwan Observatory yesterday evening recorded a big earthquake about 1,500 miles distant.

SILESIAN MINE DISASTER.

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The Prince of Wales's 50th birthday was celebrated in the West Riding of Yorkshire with a visit to Leeds. He visited the infirmary, the university, and the students gave him a gift of a silver mug.

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THE WEEK.

To-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow,
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day,
To the last syllable of recorded time;
And all our yesterdays have lighted fools
The way to dusty death. Out, out, brief candle!
Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,
And then is heard no more: it is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing.

The quotation seems unnecessarily bitter. We do not use it in connection with the past week's "to-morrow, and to-morrow, and to-morrow" which as we have previously indicated seemed to be full of hope for Europe's and the world's peaceful salvation. Despite another series of war-memorial speeches to hand this morning, we still think so. The "conversations" between the British and the French Premier have still to be made public, but with the chorus of press approval which has greeted the fact of these conferences, themselves cordial manifestations of a desire to see a way through the imbroglios of the Ruhr occupation and Reparation payments, there is distinct hope of a speedy end to a situation the outcome of which appeared to be yet another war. Truth has done a service in inviting pessimists "who are getting busy over the inevitable 'next war' to glance at the statistics of disablement issued by the International Labour Office at Geneva. They show a total of about

10,000,000 disabled (on both sides) in the last war, of whom 7,121,000 are in receipt of pensions. The figures for Germany (1,537,000), Austria, Poland, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia work out at about 2,500,000, and the figures for France (1,500,000), Britain (1,170,000), Italy (800,000), United States, Belgium, and Rumania work out at about 3,900,000. 775,000 are credited (or debited) to Russia. Add deaths to this, and the result does not seem to be quite the sort of thing to be repeated in a hurry by any nation concerned—least of all with the hope of advantage from it, so that diplomacy and patience should be exercised to the extreme limits before even contemplating and preparing for fight. The figure 1,170,000 for Great Britain does not apparently include the figures for the Dominions. The figures give some idea of the magnitude of the problem which has had to be faced by the Ministries of Pensions and of Health in providing for the disabled. Those who may have been all out for the smashing of Germany on the grounds that after America she is England's most formidable competitor in the World's Markets, may well reconsider their opinion. A disappearing Germany would simply mean the transference of her resources to another who presumably would become a greater competitor than before. The fact that Germany is a customer of Britain's has also to be remembered. It is more than likely that the loss of trade between both countries is contributing in a great degree to the unemployment which is so evident throughout the British Isles to-day. The Government is prepared to meet all applications for grants to assist schemes of improvement in order to provide work for unemployed, hitherto received from local authorities, though they already represent an outlay of over £29,000,000, compared with £10,000,000 originally contemplated. In this way it is true that it is always better to subsidise occupation than to subsidise idleness. Given a successful issue of the Conference under notice we

may expect a revival of trade that will effectually reduce and we hope wipe out entirely, the unemployment dolos which have been the Government's attempt to meet a depressing condition of affairs. Confucius said:—"At first my way with men was to hear their words and give them credit for their conduct. Now my way is to hear their words and look at their conduct." This is the position in which we find ourselves with regard to statements made referring to European affairs. Locally the Council has engaged itself with matters of domestic legislation, and is getting itself ready for Budget time. The Import Bowls games have been brought to a successful issue, whilst our thoughts are centered for the time being in the team which is traveling to the Northern part to represent the Colony in tennis, and to the opening of the Football season. Saturday's open-air concert has produced the suggestion that they should happen more often than is now the case, and that the question of parks and open spaces should receive greater attention. We cordially support this idea. People to be happy must be healthy and amused.

The Cenotaph.

A few there may be in Hongkong who are wondering what is to be done with our very own Cenotaph. It is to become yet another addition to our stone yard collection, or something to which we will turn with pride, and a measure of affection and respect. The first war memorial was the cross which stands in the Cathedral grounds. We say nothing about the sword which "adorns" it—for the sword symbolises war. What we do draw attention to is the lack of attention which is given to the monument in the way of outward evidence of what it is supposed to stand for. It may be argued that the simple fact that the monument has been erected is sufficient and that no outward adornment in the shape of evergreens or fresh flowers is needed. We wonder what would be said if a somewhat similar argument were used in connection with the inward decoration of a certain part of the Cathedral itself. For a year the monument lies bare until the Armistice day anniversary services come around, when with due and becoming ritual, which at times seems hypocritical, wreaths and flowers are laid in moderate profusion at the base of the thing. The Cenotaph itself is so beautiful a thing, so inspiring in its chasteness of design that no further outward adornment is perhaps necessary. But steps should be taken to see that it does not become the resort, by night as well as by day, of tired coolies; and that there should be a uniform method of respectful approach suggested to those who may have to pass the Cenotaph. A zone of silence has been made around the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London, thanks to an offer which has been made to lay a rubber roadway on each side of the Cenotaph for a distance of 50 yards. No noise of any vehicle will thus be heard, despite the tide of ceaseless traffic which flows past on either side. The idea is poetic. Should it be adopted in Hongkong?

Dancing.

"There's nought no doubt so much the spirit calms,
As rum and true religion."

We cannot say who gave the world these lines but they occur to us in reading of a scene enacted in the Magistrate's Court at Folkestone, when the justices decided to refuse to grant licences for dancing on Sunday. The Court was said to be crowded by clergymen, orthodox and unorthodox, of all denominations, and a number of women, and such was the joy created among them by the announcement of the magistrate's decision that they felt called upon to sing the Doxology, much to the scandal of the Court, and persisted in singing it until they were all ejected. As the applications for dancing licences were for hours when there are no services at the churches, it is to be presumed that the objection raised was not that attendance would be interfered with. The applications it should be said were from three of the largest hotels in Folkestone, which makes us suppose there is a reasonable demand for dancing. So far we have not been able to understand the desire of people to "dance with their dinner," and we cannot also understand the wish to "foot it" on Sunday, unless they are so situated that they are prevented from indulging in dancing on any other day of the week. Nor can we understand people singing the Doxology in Police Court. But we are young and innocent and have only trodden life's thorny footpath a few years, and as Barrie says, "a bluck."

Today's Poem.

(The Scales.)

"This world would be a sorry place
If it had outweighed the good."

Sometimes I take a look to see,
If 'er within my soul can be,
A heart quite full of sympathy,
With men when they are sad:

If so, perhaps the good in me,
May yet outweigh the bad!

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September 24.—World Theatre:
Lew Cody in "The Beloved Cheater."
September 24.—Theatre Royal,
Bandman Comedy Co. presents
"Bluebeard's 8th Wife," 9.15 p.m.
September 25.—Theatre Royal,
Bandman Comedy Co. presents
"Paddy, The Next Best Thing,"
9.15 p.m.
September 26.—Theatre Royal,
Bandman Comedy Co. presents
"Secrets," 9.15 p.m.
September 27.—Theatre Royal,
Bandman Comedy Co. presents
"The Naughty Wife," 9.15 p.m.
September 28.—Theatre Royal,
Bandman Comedy Co. presents
"Windows," 9.15 p.m.
September 29.—Theatre Royal,
Bandman Comedy Co. presents
"Peg O' My Heart," 9.15 p.m.
October 6.—Hongkong Jockey
Club's fourth Gymkhana.

AUCTIONS.

September 25.—Lammert Bros.,
at Duddell Street, woollen yarns,
black silk gauze, varnish, naphtha-
line balls, hydrochloric acid,
cotton voiles, rubber ricksha tyre
and optical goods, etc., 11 a.m.
September 25.—Lammert Bros.,
at 39 Humphreys Bldgs, Hanoi
Road, Kowloon, a large quantity
of valuable household furniture
2.45 p.m.
October 1.—Lammert Bros., at
"The Falls," No. 82, The Peak,
the whole valuable household furni-
ture of C. J. Wilkinson, Esq.,
11 a.m.
October 4.—Lammert Bros., at
the premises of the Hongkong Steel
Foundry Co., Ltd. (Shaokwan
Road) the complete foundry plant,
one electric furnace complete, one
extra transformer, office furniture,
fittings, and drawings and the steam
hunch "Peggy," 10.30 a.m.

MEETINGS.

September 28.—Annual general
meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's
Society, 5.45 p.m.
October 2.—Ordinary general
meeting of Douglas Steamship Co.,
Ltd., at Co.'s Offices, 20, Des Vaux
Road, 11 a.m.
October 5.—Twenty-seventh
ordinary annual meeting of the
Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage
Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office, 3,
Lower Albert Road, noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A successful variety entertain-
ment was held in the Club De
Recreation premises on Saturday last.
A rehearsal of the Philhar-
monic Society's chorus takes place
this evening in St. John's Cathedral
Hall.
A Router message from
Sydney states that in the fourth
test match the Chinese soccer
players defeated Australia by 3
goals to one.
The silk which left here by the
"P. and O." s.s. "Kashmir" on
August 22 was delivered in
Marseilles on September 22, a
transit of 30 1/2 days.
A Montreal message, received
through Reuters, states that in the
final of the Canadian Open Golf
Championship for Women, Miss
Collect (United States Champion)
beat Mrs. Gavin, of Huntercombe,
England, by 2 up and one to play.
The Eastern Banks held their
half-mile swimming championship
at the Norwood Lake on Saturday,
Aug. 18. There were six entries,
and the event was won by Mr. G.
Dods (of the Chartered Bank of
India, Australia and China), Mr. H.
L. Snook (of the Mercantile Bank
of India, Ltd.) being second, and
Mr. H. L. Pryor (of the Chartered
Bank) third. Time 16 min. 30 1/2
sec.; second man, 5 sec. behind
winner. This is the second year
this race has been held, and it is
hoped to make it an annual event,
run in connection with the annual
gala, to be held this year on Sept.
25 at the Lambeth Baths.

SECCAO PORTUGUESA.

AS DUAS ESCOLAS DE
PORTUGUES EM HONGKONG.

Digno-Director do periodico The
China Mail.

Alguem, que eu nao sei quem
seja, deu-se ao incmodo do me
enviar do Hongkong um exemplar
do diario The China Mail de 14 do
corrente mes, que se publica naquela
colonia e no qual vem inserto—
seccao portuguesa—um artigo
anonimo, subordinado ao titulo
"As duas escolas de portugues em
Hongkong."

Como nesse artigo sou visado,
aliss por uma ltrua polida e que
de modo algum desconhecita o seu
autor, e ainda porque nele existem
inexactidoes profundas e serias
omissoes de factos que o articulista
naturalmente desconhece, eu venho
rogar a V... a subida fineza de
sempre possivel, dar acolhimento a
esta carta nas columnas do seu con-
ceituado jornal, afim de proporcionar
ao publico que se interesse por tal
questao os precisos esclarecimentos
que lhe permitam formar, conscien-
ciosamente, o seu julzo.

Antecipando a V... os meus mais
sinceros agradecimentos pela sua
obsequiosa atengao, e, prometendo,
desde ja, nao voltar a importun-lo
sobre este assunto rogado-lhe mais
uma vez o favor de inser no de qual-
quer outro comunicado, o que hoje
faço pela primeira vez e muito
excepcionalmente, passo a expor, o
mais resumidamente possivel, o que,
de facto, se deve dizer, como dum
expresso da verdade, acerca nao só
do ensino e aproveitamento dos
alunos que frequentam as aulas da
lingua portuguesa nas escolas que
funcionam em Hongkong sob a
direccao da Associao Portuguesa
de Socorros Mutuos e tem sido sub-
sidiadas pelo Governo de Macau,
como ainda relativamente a inspec-
cao que ás ditas escolas, e por ordem
do mesmo Governo, tive a honra
de efectuar em fins de Outubro de
1932.

Ao desempenhar-me da honrosa
missao de que fui incumbido, pro-
curei, evidentemente, como sempre,
cumprir apenas o meu dever sem
atender a quaisquer consideracoes
pessoais e tendo exclusivamente em
vista os altos interesses da instruc-
cao, que por forma alguma se com-
parecem com quaisquer transigencias.
Assim procedi.

Em dois dias e meio, percorri as
escolas, inspecionei, em companhia
dos respectivos professores, as aulas
de portugues, visitando todas as
classes desde a mais atizada a mais
adiantada e, na maioria das vezes,
interroguei a totalidade dos alunos dur-
ante o tempo sufficiente para poder
ajuizar do seu aproveitamento.

As minhas impressoes tive a
lealdade e a franqueza de as expor
aos dois professores, salientando,
sobretudo no das classes do sexo
masculino, quanto elas eram extre-
mamente desiguaveis, o que aliás
tambem comuniquei, na mesma
ocasio, ao Sr. Carlos Rosa, digno
Presidente da Associao Portuguesa
de Socorros Mutuos.

Regressando a Macau, fiz o meu
relatorio, que apresentei ao Governo
acompanhado dos mapas de fre-
quencia escolar que me foram
fornecidos pelos respectivos pro-
fessores.

Desse relatorio, a pedido do
referido sr. Rosa e em virtude do
despacho do entao Encarregado do
Governo, enviei ao mesmo sr. uma
copia exenta que certamente, foi
submetida a apreciao dos mem-
bros da referida associao. No final
da primeira parte do meu
relatorio dizia eu:

"Desse meu exame, embora feito
em tao pequeno prazo de tempo,
conclui os seguintes factos:
a) Salvo raras excepcoes, sobre-
tudo notadas na escola do sexo
feminino de Kowloon, o aproveita-
mento dos alunos deixa muito a
desejar mesmo os das classes mais
adiantadas;
b) Ausencia de tudo quanto,
pedagogicamente, possa contribuir
de um modo eficaz para o util
aproveitamento desses alunos, a
saber: falta de um programa vasado
nos precisos moldes e superiormente
aprovado; deficiencia do numero de
professores; deficiencia de livros de
aula; ausencia de livros modernos
para melhor estudo e compreensao
da lingua, o ausencia de uma sria
e rigorosa fiscalizacao tecnica por
parte dos que dirigem essas escolas;

c) Impossibilidade de, em face
das circunstancias actuais, obter-se
um aproveitamento que correspon-
da aos bons desejos dos que tiveram
a iniciativa patriotica de fomentar
naquella colonia o estudo da lingua
portuguesa e do proprio Governo de
Macau, que, secundando o fortale-
cendo essa boa iniciativa, desde
alguns anos, vem contribuindo com
um pequeno subsidio pecuniario."

Mais adiante, salientando toda a
conveniencia que o Governo de
Macau tem a manutengao do ensino
da lingua portuguesa naquella
colonia estrangeira e tendo em
atencao a densidade da populacao
escolar portuguesa, que ali tende a
aumentar, declarava eu que achava
muito exigio o subsidio com que o
governo actualmente concorre, e
acrescentava:

"Ora nao é, evidentemente, com o
simples supimento do \$407.40

mensais que se podera conseguir a
manutengao de, pelo menos, quatro
professores de comprovada com-
petencia, a aquisicao do indis-
pensavel material escolar e ja nao
digo a aquisicao de um edificio
proprio e adequado mas, no menos,
o pagamento do aluguer de uma casa
que possa servir ao fim em vista,
cassa que, alugada ou comprada, é
absolutamente indispensavel para se
acabar da vez com a existencia
difficil e por assim dizer parasitaria
que arrastam aquelas escolas, fun-
cionando por meio favor, que nos
deprime, em collegios estrangeiros e
religiosos, onde o ensino da lingua
portuguesa é bem pouco desejado,
segundo informacoes que me foram
fornecidas.

O que o Governo de Macau agora
dá, é, pois, absolutamente insufi-
ciente, e os Escudos 2.200\$00 com
que concorre anualmente ao din-
heiro inteiramente improdutivo.

Terminar com este encurgo, pela
razao do ele ser improdutivo,
entendo que é um erro gravissimo
sob todos os titulos.

O que la a fazer, embora com
sacrificio, é aumentar sem demora
esse subsidio do modo a satisfazer,
se nao inteiramente, pelo menos em
boa parte o objectivo que se pre-
tende.

Eu creio que, como limite minimo,
nao podera ser marcada quantia
inferior a \$25,000.00 por ano. Se
esse auxilio for dado e o Governo de
Macau regulamentar perfectamente
esse ensino e o fiscalizar conveni-
entemente, estou certo de que esse
sacrificio pecuniario produzirá num
futuro proximo resultados verda-
deiramente apreciaveis e compensa-
dores.

O que está é que nao pode nem
devo continuar."

E nao deve, repito, porque é uma
vergonha.

Além das precarias condicoes
materiais em que essas escolas
portuguesas funcionam, a prepara-
cao dos alunos é deficienteissima,
nao sendo as suas habilitacoes,
mesmo as das da ultima classe,
suficientes para com exito, embora
modesto, poderem prestar exame
final em qualquer escola primaria,
quanto mais para um decente exame
de admissao a Universidade de
Hongkong.

E, para que o publico nao tenha
difficuldade em se convencer desta
tristissima verdade, basta que aqui
se transcreva a parte de uma prova
escrita da lingua portuguesa de um
aluno portugues, que nos fins do ano
de 1932 prestou o seu exame de
admissao a dita Universidade e que,
com mais vinte e um dos vinte e
cinco que concorreram, ficou repro-
vado aliás com toda a justica.

A parte dessa prova é a seguinte:
Conjuga o verbo pedir em todos
os tempos (indicar apenas a primeira
pessoa de cada tempo).

Resposta:

Indicativo presente: eu pedo
tu pedes
ele pede
nos pedemos
vos pedes
eles pedem

Traduzo para portugues o seguinte
trecho:

An angler, who gained his liveli-
hood by fishing, after a long day's
toil, caught nothing but one little
fish. "Spare me," said the little
creature, "I beseech you; so small
as I am, I shall make you but a
sorry meal. I have not come to my
full size yet;....."

Tradução:
"Um pescador, que depender no
pao de ele por pescar, quando no
fim do dia, pegou nada mas uma
pequena pecha. "Perdoo-me,"
disse-lhe aquella pecha, "Eu pedo
tu: que como eu está assim peque-
ninha, nao pode fazer tu uma bom
comida. Eu nao estou grande
agora....."

Parcoo blague mas nao é.
Esta prova, copia fiel do original
que existe na Universidade de
Hongkong, acompanhada o relatorio
feito em 16 de Dezembro de 1932
(ou fosse trinta e dois dias depois do
que se apresentou ao Governo) pelo
Sr. Dr. Humberto de Avelar, pro-
fessor de portugues no Liceu Cen-
tral de Macau, membro do Conselho
Legislativo, e vogal do juri, pela
quarta vez, dos exames de admissao
a dita Universidade (seccao da
lingua portuguesa), relatorio em
que, referindo-se ao pessimo ensino
que se ministra nas ditas escolas
portuguesas, diz que a prova cuja
parte atraz vai transcrita embora
isso pareça inverosimil, NAO É A
RIOR.

Apezar do articulista do jornal
The China Mail numa das suas
passagens afirmar que eu tinha, na
sessao do Conselho Legislativo de 30
de Janeiro do corrente ano, infor-
mado pessimamente o Conselho
sobre tal assunto, e numa outra
aumentar que a minha informacao
prestada foi injusta, ou pergunta-
do para que me respondam em con-
sciencia, se um individuo portugues
que desconheca a lingua inglesa ou
que, conhecendo-a, nao veja o
respective texto, podera compre-
hender, pelo menos a primeira
vista, o objecto ou pelo menos o
sentido daquela tradugao que foi
feita, por um aluno da ultima classe
a quem exame de admissao a Univer-
sidade.

E note-se que, conforme disse na
referida sessao do Conselho Legisla-
tivo (vidé Diario da "Sa." sessao
pg. 46), o sr. Dr. Humberto de
Avelar, o exame desso alunos era

HONGKONG'S PLEASURES.

ANOTHER UNIQUE CONTEST.

Last week we asked for votes
on the Colony's most urgent
needs. The number of coup-
ons sent in is proof of the
interest evinced by readers
in public affairs. This week we
are turning to the lighter side.
What do you consider
are Hongkong's most popular
pleasures? For full details see
the form in this and other
issues during the week. Avail
yourself of the China Mail's
opportunity to judge what
Hongkong likes best and at the
same time have a try for the
prize. There is no catch in the
contest which is decided by
the public's voting. Also in a
competition of this kind, the
possibility of the prize being
divided is very remote.

The result of our third voting
contest will be announced on
Wednesday.

WINNERS.

PROGRAMMES WORTH FIVE
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theatre programmes are requested
to forward same to the China Mail
office when a coupon to the value
of \$5 will be issued which may be
changed for goods to the same
value with any of the advertisers
in the China Mail.

Star Theatre Programme No.—
13, issued Saturday and Sunday
September 22 and 23.

World Theatre Programme No.
1501 issued Wednesday to Satur-
day September 19 to 22.

Patrons of the three Cinema
Theatres, the Coronet, Star and
World are advised to retain their
programmes and study the number
to be found on the front page.

The prize must be claimed within
TWO DAYS from this announce-
ment, otherwise it will lapse. This
rule must be rigidly enforced in the
interest of cinema patrons.

Employees of the three cinemas
are expressly debarred from claim-
ing the prize.

inferior do que poderia ser a exam-
duma criança europica de seis anos
de idade.

Causa por isso verdadeiro pasmo
a santa ingenuidade com que o
mesmo articulista diz: "Os alunos,
segundo informacoes que colhemos,
sabem todos ler e os mais adian-
tados, conhecem todas as partes do
discurso e sabem conjugar verbos
e alguns até os irregulares, o que,
diremos, se nao fossem os esforcos
e hão vontade dos professores nada
disso viriam os alunos a saber e é
portanto um aproveitamento" (!).
E é esta, infelizmente, a ideia
que alguns fazem do ensino da
primaria lingua de Camoes, e por
uma fama tu convicts que nao
têm duvida, embora, certamente,
sem a minima intengao de meli-
dinar, vir a publico fazer a critica
de algum que, muito leal e
honestamente, ponha acima de tudo
o cumprimento do seu dever e o seu
sentimento patriotico, nao occulte,
o que seria um crime, o que anali-
zara e virá, e procura fornecer
elementos de indicacao para que tal
estado de cousas se modifcasse de
modo a obter-se uma solucao que
resolvesse, em grande parte, o pre-
blema do ensino da lingua patria
aos jovens portugueses que vivem
em Hongkong e para o qual o
Governo de Macau, animado, agora
e sempre, dos melhores intuitos,
converge toda a sua boa atengao e
os seus melhores cuidados.

Se o Governo suspenda agora o
subsidio por a este mo correspond-
dorem os resultados obtidos, nao
quero isso dizer que se desinteressou
do assunto; o problema, que é com-
plexo o grave, está sendo devida-
mente apreciado pela autoridade
superior e, certamente, uma formula
razoavel será encontrada que satis-
faga, se nao já inteiramente, pelo
menos uma boa parte das aspiracoes
do governo, e prepare, num futuro
mo remoto, uma situacao digna do
importante objectivo que so tem
em vista.

Mas esta, ...Sr. Director, vai já
bastante longa e eu nao quero
abusar da sua muita bondade.
Por aqui me fice, portanto,
renovando a V... os meus agrado-
cimentos e repetindo-me
Do V... etc.

Alfredo Rodrigues dos Santos.
Colonial Secretary.
Macau.

19.9.33.

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LAWN BOWLS.

LEAGUE MATCHES ON SATURDAY.

In the Lawn Bowls League, on Saturday, Taikoo No. 2, top of the table, had a serious reverse when the No. 1 team beat them by 9 points. Details of the various contests follow:—

CIVIL S.C.C. v. K.B.G.C.
This match was played at Happy Valley and resulted in a win for the Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 60 points to 54. Scores:—

CIVIL S.C.C. K.B.G.C.
Fleg Harvey
Allderman Hamilton
F. Allan Guy
A.B. Allen W. Russell

(S) 13 (S) 31
Kynoch
McKay
Hall
Hall
Knot Brown
Taylor Whitley
Patty Johns (S) 25 Farrell (S) 10

Total 54 Total 60

KOWLOON C.C. v. POLICE R.C.
The Police were defeated by Kowloon C.C. by 71 points to 60. Scores:—

KOWLOON C.C. POLICE R.C.
Davidson J. Clark
Goldenberg Taylor
Nichols D. Clark
Hyde (S) 24 (S) 22
Davis Gerrard
Owen Grant
Owen Nicol
Gibson (S) 24 Mair (S) 12
Carmichael Robertson
Cochrane Knight
Tackie D. Reid
Stevens (S) 23 Grimmett (S) 26

Total 71 Total 60

TAIKOO NO. 1 v. TAIKOO NO. 2
Taikoo No. 2 were defeated by Taikoo No. 1 by nine points. Scores:—

TAIKOO NO. 1. TAIKOO NO. 2.
Grimes Laing
Muirhead Barker
Young G. Morrison
Ferguson MacLaughlan
(S) 31 (S) 18
Mackintosh Amery
Grimsbaw O'Brien
Wright Jas. Sloan
Waterspoon Wallace
(S) 18 (S) 17
Whyte McLeod
Lillier Mitchell
J. Russell Holland
Hamilton D. Morrison
(S) 18 (S) 23

Total 67 Total 58

The match between Kowloon Dock R.C. and Craignower C.C. was postponed, the ground being too wet.

LEAGUE TABLE
Taikoo No. 2 11 9 2 18
Kowloon Dock R.C. 12 9 3 18
Taikoo No. 1 13 9 4 18
K.B.G.C. 12 7 5 12
Police R.C. 13 6 7 12
Kowloon C.C. 13 4 0 8
Craignower C.C. 13 3 10 6
Civil Service C.C. 13 3 10 6

SHOTS FOR AND AGAINST.
For Against Up Down
Taikoo No. 2 702 576 126
Kowloon Dock 748 606 142
Taikoo No. 1 838 707 131
K.B.G.C. 712 666 46
Police R.C. 759 789 -30
Kowloon C.C. 705 816 -111
Craignower C.C. 731 793 -62
Civil Service C.C. 666 908 -242

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per P. & O. s.s. "Nellor" on Sept. 23:—Messrs. Hett, T. Carr, W. Warnock, Mr. Harman, Commanders Bova, Ingden, Lt. Comdr. Campbell, Jotham, Rev. Hamilton, Mr. B. McVine, Dr. J. Shellshear, Prof. and Mrs. Houghwood, Mr. L. Leong, Mrs. Moore Gutteridge, Mr. B. Han, Mr. Ho Sun, Mr. J. Leong, Mr. Russell, Mr. C. W. Lee, Mr. L. G. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Treadwell, Mr. and Mrs. Lam, Mr. Cheung, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. J. Selger, Mr. B. Ling, Miss Chen, Mr. Mun, Mr. Chan, Kwang Lee and Mr. Leong Him Chan.

WATER POLO.

R.G.A. CHALLENGE CUP RESULT.

[By Argus]

In the R.A.S.C. chamber on Saturday afternoon, company 88 R.G.A. for the second year in succession won the Royal Artillery Water Polo Challenge Cup, defeating the 83rd company by 3 goals to 2.

These teams had played a drawn game of 3 all last Tuesday, when the 88th. were without the services of Sergeant Holloway (goal) and Lieutenant Walsh (left back). Yesterday both teams were at full strength as follows:—

88th. Co. R.G.A.—Sergt. Holloway (goal); Gnr. Hitchens, Lieut. Walsh (backs); L-Br. Wood (half-back); Gnr. Polton, Gnr. McDade, Tr. Collyer (forwards).

83rd Co. R.G.A.—Sgt. Kite (goal); B-Qu-S. Baker, Gnr. Harle (backs); Gnr. Manser (half-back); B-Br. Barton; Gnr. Reddick, Gnr. Harris (forwards).

Referee: P. O. Jones, R.N. The game started with even exchanges, both sides pressing in turn, Collyer on two occasions sending over. The first point fell to the 88th from a capital long shot by McDade, which gave the goalies no chance. From the restart, the 88th. obtained the ball and McDade shot over.

Play was transferred to the other end, where Barton sent over. At Kite's goal, a terrific back-hander from McDade skinned over the top. After Wood and Barton had turned missed openings for their team, Harris of the 83rd was cautioned by the referee.

Just before the interval, clever combination between McDade and Wood enabled the latter to score a second goal for the holders of the cup.

Soon after the resumption, from a pass by McDade, Wood hit the bar the ball rebounding to Collyer who put the 88th 3 goals up.

At this stage a sensation was caused, Barton scoring for the 83rd with a long dropping shot, which seemed to unsettle the 88th for a time. At any rate, the 83rd had decided to be the better of the game for the next minute until Lieutenant Walsh was ordered out of the pool by the referee.

This stroke of ill-luck (to use no stronger term) put the 88th. on their metal, McDade, Hitchens and Wood being especially prominent in keeping out the opposition and even carrying the attack into the enemy's camp, where Kite had two awkward shots to deal with.

However, the superiority in numbers eventually told and Reddick, with a long shot, made the score 3-2 within 50 seconds of full time. With Walsh back in the ranks, the 88th. kept their lead until the final whistle sounded leaving them the victors of a great tussle by 3-2.

After the game Lieut. Col. W. Orpen-Sanders, D.S.O., officer commanding the Royal Artillery, after thanking P.O. Jones R.N. for his services as referee and the King's Regiment for furnishing goal-scorers and time-keeper, handed the Challenge Cup to Lance-bombardier Wood, captain of the 88th. company water polo team. The C.O. congratulated Wood and his team on winning the Cup for the second year in succession, a victory fully deserved on the day's play for undoubtedly the better team won.

Bowling Analysis.—
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Baker 10 4 14 2
Lambie 5 1 18 1
Dunkley 4 0 15 2
Nihill 2 0 3 0
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THEATRE ROYAL.

MISS NIQUA LEWIS MAKES HIT IN ROMANCE.

At the Theatre Royal, on Saturday night, the Forbes Russell Comedy Company opened a week's season with Miss Doris Keane's great London success "Romance," a play full of love and sentiment by Edward Shelton.

The subject of the story is furnished by memories of the romantic youth of Bishop Armstrong (Mr. Guy Buckley). In an attempt to dissuade his grandson Harry (Mr. Frederick Birtwell) from marrying an actress, the Bishop relates his experiences, when Rector of St. Giles, with an Italian operatic star, Madame Margherita Cavallini (Miss Niqua Lewis).

In the leading rôle of Margherita, one time mistress of Cornelius Van Tuyl (Mr. Beresford Lovett), Miss Lewis made the most of a delightful character. Van Tuyl was the benefactor of the rector of St. Giles and had lived with Margherita at a continental watering place, which naturally led to interesting developments when the rector and Margherita became engaged.

Miss Lewis completely adapted herself to the foreign accent necessary for the perfect portrayal of her part and frequently rose to great heights. Her childlike, careful obedience to Van Tuyl periodic taunts and her quaint outbursts of "oh lordy" this and "oh lordy" that were well conceived and deservedly applauded.

In the final scene when she saved the rector from himself, her acting was of a very high order.

As Thomas Armstrong, the Rector of St. Giles, Mr. Guy Buckley had a difficult part, which, at times, he rather over-did. As the Bishop he appealed to us considerably.

Mr. Beresford Lovett as Cornelius Van Tuyl was very convincing and handled every situation well.

Among the less prominent characters, Miss Enid Sass, as Margherita's maid, was splendid in the scene in Madame's bedroom on the night after the latter's farewell appearance as Mignon, when the great actress needs a deal of coaxing before she will eat any supper.

The play was splendidly staged and the singing behind the scenes added much to the effect of a most successful opening night.

The offering tonight is "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife."

K. C. C.
OPEN-AIR CONCERT.

The Committee of the Kowloon Cricket Club is to be congratulated on its decision to hold its postponed concert in spite of conditions with which Saturday opened. Its faith was justified, and the large number who attended in the evening sat in a perfect condition of atmosphere that added to the pleasantness of the evening. The Band of the King's regiment played several selections in its usual musically styles the principal being an almost perfect rendition of Heald's "Zampa" overture. Illness prevented Mr. I. A. Zellensky from attending and demonstrating anew that he is a mimic of more than local reputation. His place was not filled, but a special word must be found for the effort of Mr. L. D. Martyn who hitherto has been known to us as a worker in A. D. C. ranks. With the aid of a pliable felt hat, a pliable pattering tongue which produced some witticisms and helped with a number of humorous stories, Mr. Martyn, for a not inconsiderable time, gave a remarkably clever turn. In quick succession he gave various types of personages and so delighted his audience that he had to respond to an encore, which he did, demonstrating the effect of a cocktail on the outlook of a person fed up with life. Mrs. Otto-Kong Sing and Mrs. H. L. Lockhart, and Mr. H. G. Annis, found favour with their items. As did Mr. I. Harris with a "cog" song, and Mr. Bert Burrows with humorous contributions. Mrs. R. Pestonji and Mr. Reginald Flower accompanied at the piano. Mr. V. Labrum did yeoman work as stage manager. A "side issue" was the bar and snack counters which did a remunerative business. Voluntary collections were made and the result should materially assist the Japan Relief Fund. There was a delightful colour scheme of electric lights which was very pleasant. We understand another concert is to be given at an early date.

ROBIN HOOD.
CHIVALRY LOST ON "EXTRA."

Douglas Fairbanks tried hard to instill the true spirit of chivalry within the very souls of the 1,500 supernumeraries he engaged to serve as the "atmosphere" in his notable production of "Douglas Fairbanks in Robin Hood," a United Artists release at the Coronet Theatre. Generally speaking, he succeeded admirably, but there were exceptions.

In order to create the proper environments he directed that every "extra" be impressed with the meaning of gallantry and that they each act and talk gallantly. There was one burly chap far too modernized by his long contact with the vernacular of the street to be susceptible to so much exalted conduct and conversation.

On one occasion he had grown impatient because he was too near the end of the line awaiting wardrobe for the day's work. When he finally did get up to the wardrobe man as luck would have it, he was not handed a robe which was designed to be worn with lights. Upon realizing that he might have to return to the end of the line again in order to get a complete outfit, his ire was aroused.

"Hey!" he yelled at the wardrobe man. "Hey, you glad-rag juggler! Where's my knight-shirt?"

Verily, the spell of the spirit of chivalry had not wielded any influence.

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AQUATIC SPORTS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF LUSITANO R.C.

The Lusitano Recreation Club's annual sports took place in the V.R.C. swimming pool on Saturday afternoon. There was a large attendance, including the Portuguese Consul, Senhor A.L.C. de Albuquerque e Castro, Senhora and Senhorita Castro.

The five races for ladies fell through owing to paucity of entries as did the "buoy race," for which an event for V.R.C. members was substituted.

In the 100 yds. championship, E. A. Noronha put up a record of 63.25 secs, but the time was comparatively poor.

At the end of the sports, Mr. J. C. Barretto, President of the Club, expressed regret at the lack of support from the fair sex which was surprising in view of the growing interest of Hongkong ladies in sports of this kind. Mr. Barretto said several items on the programme were withdrawn and these were substituted by other races.

He thanked the V.R.C. for the use of their bath, the Brunswick Studio Band for their services during the afternoon, prize donors and Miss Castro for consenting to give away the prizes.

Miss Castro then handed the prizes to the competitors. She was afterwards presented with a beautiful bouquet and accorded three hearty cheers.

The Consul thanked the members on behalf of his daughter.

The following were the results: One length handicap: 1, A. A. Gutierrez; 2, R. Noronha.

Two lengths handicap: 1, C. Noronha; 2, G. Noronha.

Two lengths handicap: 1, B. Alves; 2, C. M. Xavier.

Long plunge: 1, L. C. R. Souza, distance 57 ft. 10 inches; 2, E. de Souza.

Two lengths handicap: E. Alves; 2, A. A. Gutierrez.

Four lengths handicap: F. M. Roza Pereira; 2, C. Figueiredo.

100 yards Club championship: E. A. Noronha; 2, A. R. Botelho.

One length handicap (breast stroke): L. Barros; 2, A. A. Gutierrez.

Four lengths variety stroke handicap: F. M. Roza Pereira; 2, A. R. Rocha.

Two lengths breast stroke handicap: R. Roza; 2, H. Remedios.

High dive: E. A. Noronha; 2, F. M. Roza Pereira.

Four lengths handicap (V.R.C. members): J. Kent; 2, G. R. Razavet.

Lucky race: L. C. R. Souza; G. H. Pina.

Consolation race: B. Assumpcao. Team race: B. Assumpcao, B. Alves, G. Pina and C. Xavier.

As already announced in the China Mail, the Shanghai Polo team arrives to-day by the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia." The team is:—

Mr. McMichael No. 4.
Mr. Hickling No. 3.
Mr. Newbigging No. 4.
Mr. Grieg No. 1.

At a meeting held on Saturday, the Hongkong four was selected as follows:—

Capt. Neville No. 4.
Mr. C. C. Boyd No. 3.
Mr. A. Dent No. 2.
Mr. J. Bartholomew No. 1.

Reserve:—Mr. J. J. J.

The visitors have sent down 15 ponies for the match, including Ah Mee, credited with covering four furlongs on this course in 58.25 secs. at the 1921 meeting; Miserrimus, winner of the 1922 Jockey Cup here in 1922; Knight Commander, Emma G., Whitehaven and Haruna. As a bunch they are a very useful lot of ponies.

The local team so far have 13 ponies to choose from. Mr. Boyd will have the use of Springer, Devonport, Hurry Jane and Pick-pocket; Captain Neville will ride Han River, Rivergrass, Camelot, Shooting Star and Benjamin, if sound. Mr. Dent will rely on Ringwood, Popoff, Tonic and After Dark. So far Mr. Bartholomew is dependent on Druid and Manifest but other ponies will be selected before Saturday.

The game will start at 4.45 p.m. and will consist of six chukkers of 7 minutes with 3-minute intervals.

Major-General Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., D.S.O. will umpire. There will ample seating accommodation for the public as the portable stands from the race-course will be available. Tea will be provided.

To-morrow and Thursday the Shanghai team will be at practice and scratch sides will probably be arranged.

Cablegrams via Imperial to British West Indies, Bermuda, and the Bahamas, and via Imperial-Bermuda to British Guiana, which ranged from 3s. to 1s. 11d. a word, have been reduced by 7d. on ordinary and 1d. on deferred messages.

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Gen. E. H. Crowder.

Major-General Enoch H. Crowder, who managed the draft in the World War and who is now American Ambassador to Cuba, has been recalled to Washington for conferences with officials of the State Department. The action of the Cuban Congress in passing the State Lottery bill over the protests of America and over the Cuban President's veto, adding to it a gratuitous note that it was none of America's business and condemning American "interference," is believed to be the topic that will be discussed.



John L. Lewis.

John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America, in commenting on the refusal of the anthracite coal operators to recognize the union and adopt the "check off" system, by which the operators would collect union dues and fines, declared, in Atlantic City, his belief that this Winter will see another hard-coal strike and that it might even extend to the bituminous fields.



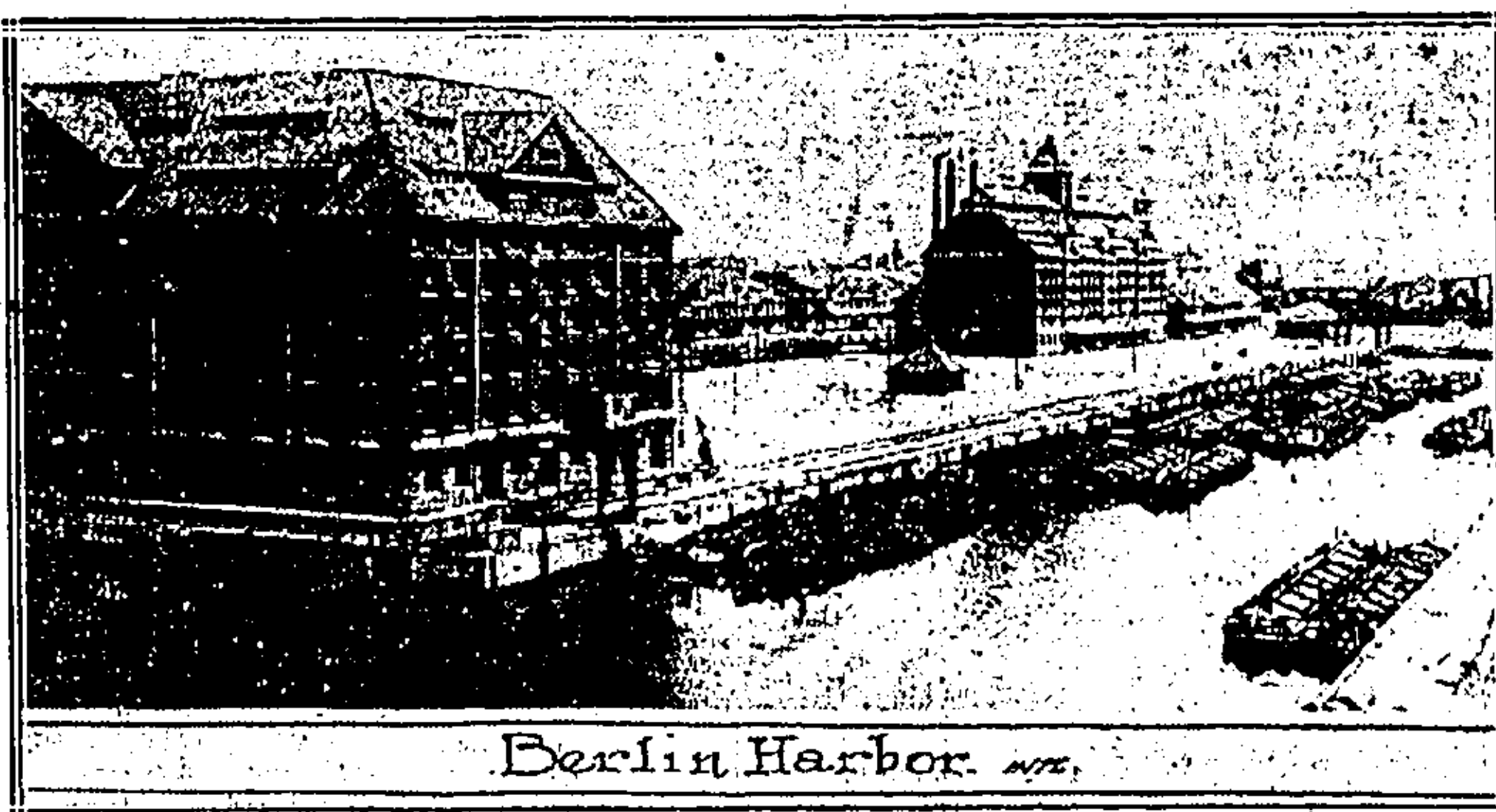
Beside Mr. Harding's bier in East Room of White House, where services for his immediate official family were conducted, his widow sat pale, trembling and alone—fighting off collapse that has threatened her.



Here is the Palace Hotel, in San Francisco, where the late President Harding lay gravely ill. The entire eighth floor of the hotel was reserved for the President and his attending physicians and suite.



Mme. Olga Samaroff, noted pianist, has been awarded a Philadelphia divorce from Leopold Stokowski, conductor of the Philadelphia Harmonic Orchestra.



Although the river that passes through Berlin, the capital city of Germany, would hardly be designated a "good sized creek" the Germans, pioneers in the use of waterways for commerce, have made it one of the greatest shipping ports in the world. Two piers have been constructed, 7,500 feet long, each with accommodations for 30 immense barges. The storehouses built on the two piers have a capacity of 280,000 tons. The granaries have a capacity of 600,000,000 pounds. By the end of the Summer the harbour equipment will be completed, and the Berlin municipality will take possession.



Lord Burnham.

Lord Burnham, one of the greatest of the English Newspaper publishers, at a recent session of the House of Lords, broached the subject of the Americanization of the British West Indies. He declared all news printed in West Indian papers originated in America and that American tourists were rapidly weaning the islands away from England.



Virgil Fitch.

Virgil Fitch, prosecuting attorney has a way of getting back at puritanically-minded women of his county who insisted that dance halls should be closed on Sunday. Mr. Fitch promptly began a study of every blue law on the statute books of Michigan and began applying them with a vengeance in Ludington, the county seat, and the rest of the county. "What's fair for one is fair for all," he asserts. The first person he was called upon to prosecute was his own son, charged with dancing on Sunday.



Gen. Chang Tao Lin.

General Chang Tao Lin, Dictator of the three Manchurian provinces of China, has been ordered by the Chinese authorities to abolish the department of the Chinese Eastern Railway and to take over all the lands that had been ceded to Russia under the old treaties. It is also reported that two detachments of troops are moving on Changchow, which is likely to fall into Chang Tao Lin's hands.



Miss Agnes McKenna.

"Over half the divorces in the United States are caused by inharmonious colour combinations in the dining room," declared Miss Agnes McKenna, nationally known art expert, of Chicago, speaking at a furniture convention in San Francisco. Miss McKenna has made a life study of colours and their effects on personalities. She says it is her ambition to untwist the rainbow and bring down colour in harmonious combinations, so that every home will have a perfect setting.



Gustav Stresemann.

The Cabinet of Chancellor Cuno of Germany, is expected to resign when the Reichstag convenes shortly, to be succeeded by a Ministry headed by Dr. Gustav Stresemann, leader of the People's Party and a leading industrialist. Stresemann has told President Ebert he would take over the reins of government if he was given dictatorial powers and was permitted to make a coalition with the Socialists, who have adopted an attitude of benevolent neutrality toward the German Government.



Duc d'Orleans.

Above is shown the duc d'Orleans, who would be King of France if royalty had survived there, and who is at the head of the French monarchists who hope to revive the Empire. He is now seriously ill in London and delirious, according to reports. His malady takes the form of believing he is actually reigning over France.

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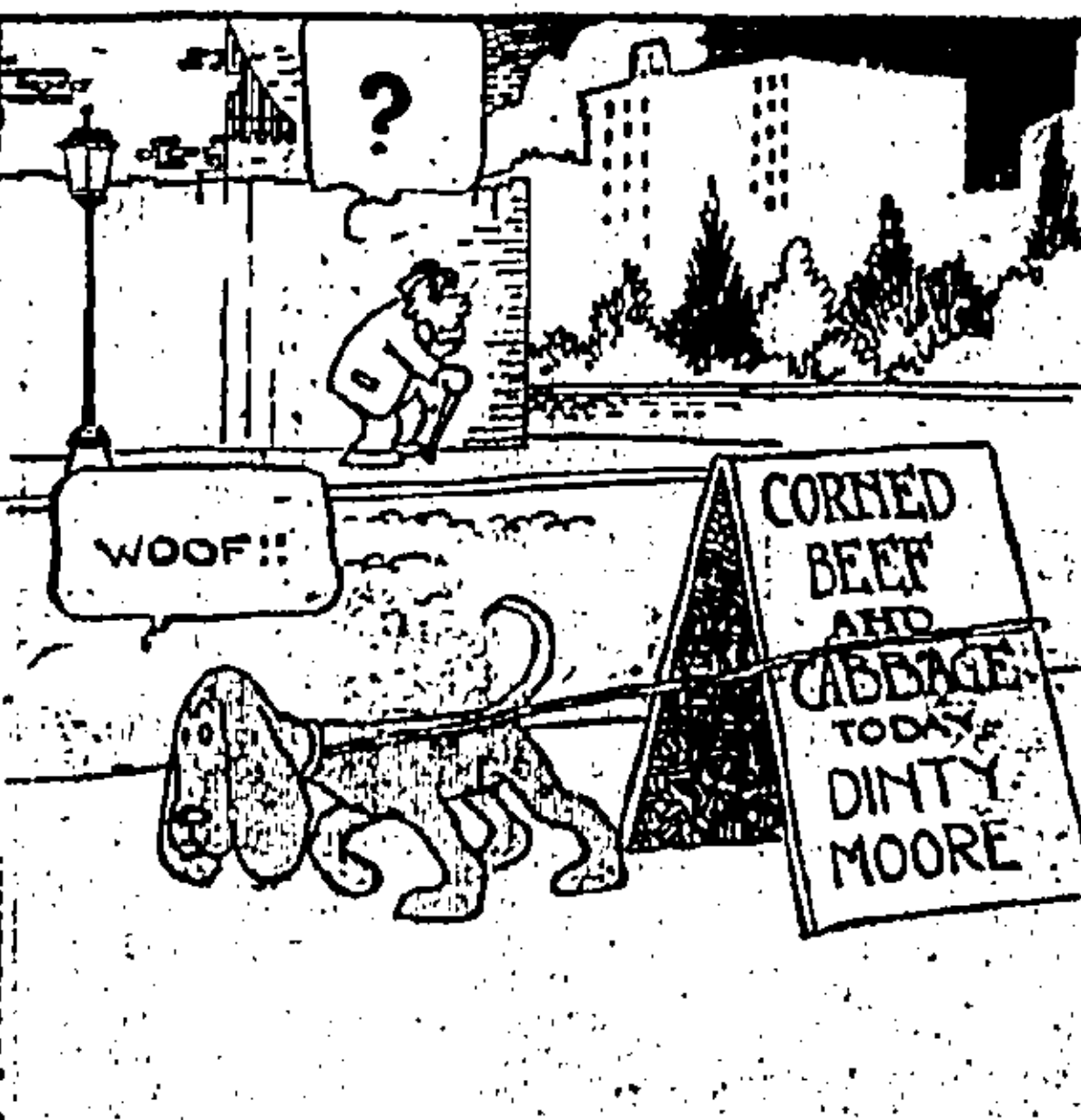
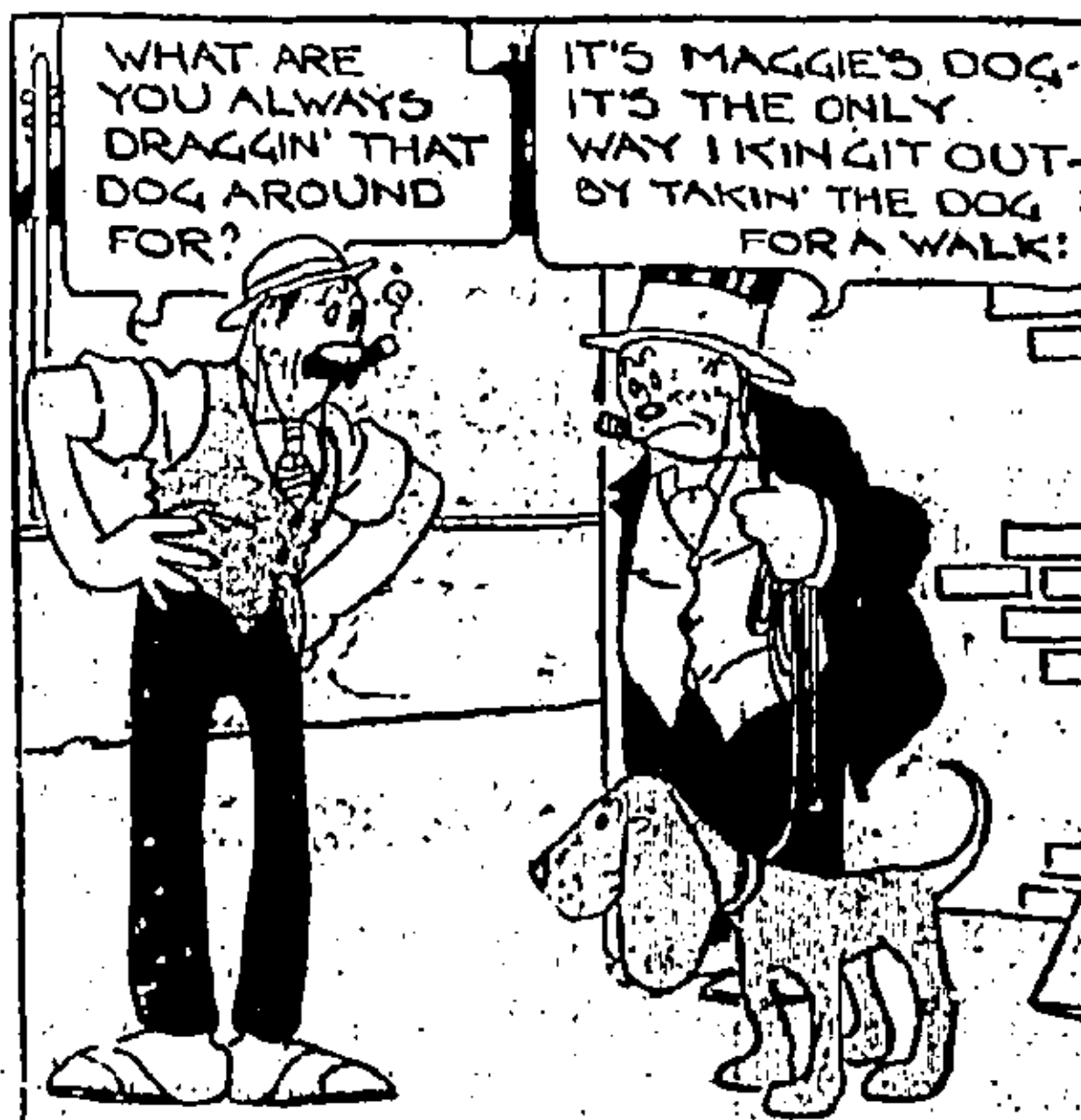
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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ITALO-GREEK DISPUTE.

PREVEZZA, September 22. A stormy interlude occurred while the Allied Mission was investigating the Janina murders at the Albanian frontier post of Kakavia. The Italian delegate endeavored to pass a party of armed carabinieri into Greek territory for the purpose of maintaining a courier service between Janina and Italy and also to safeguard personal security, but the Greeks protested against the proposed invasion of their sovereignty. A menacing situation developed and lasted for an hour, when the Japanese Chairman's intervention resulted in the soldiers being ordered to return to Valona.

FUNERAL OBSEQUIES.

ROME, September 22. The obsequies for the victims of the Janina massacre were of a most imposing description. A number of Royalties, Signor Mussolini, members of the Cabinet and of Parliament, were among the assemblage which awaited the arrival of the remains at the station, where they were placed on gun carriages at the head of a great procession to the Church of the Holy Apostles. There were enormous crowds in the streets, and business houses were closed as the cortege, pulled with flowers from hotbeds, balconies and automobiles, proceeded along via Nazionale. Diplomatic representatives were present at the Church service celebrated by the Court Chaplain. The bodies of the victims were subsequently conveyed by train each to its native place.

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS.

LONDON, September 22. Reuter understands that it is expected that Mr. Baldwin will next week acquiesce his colleagues of the results of the interview with M. Poincaré. While not dramatic developments are expected it is pointed out that something of the greatest importance has been achieved, namely, the re-establishment of mutual confidence between the heads of the two Governments. So long as doubt and suspicion existed there was little chance of an economic and political settlement in Europe; now it is established there is no conflict or divergence of purpose between the two Governments. Their common objects are to obtain reparations from Germany and restore the economic life of Europe. It is pointed out that developments in Germany may automatically remove some of the issues which tended to complicate Anglo-French relations. The cordial sentiments in the French and Belgian press are greatly appreciated in London. The change in the atmosphere is bound to assist materially any further interchange of views.

SINGAPORE BASE.

LONDON, September 23. An outspoken condemnation of the Singapore project appears in *Blackwoods*. It is by Col. Reppington, declaring that the site does not provide the necessary area of well-protected water space, nor security of food for the industrialized population, and complaining of inadequate depths, especially at the western approaches, which are barred by sandbanks, while the new base is outside the existing defences and thereby exposed to attack from the side of the mainland if a force lands there. "The only thing that can be said of the site is that it is the most unsuitable imaginable. It is a paradise only for the contractors," he says.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

QUEBEC, September 22. In a speech before leaving for London, Premier Mackenzie King declared that he was privileged to go to the Imperial Conference without a single grievance and say that Canadian relations with Britain and all parts of the Empire are of the best. Canada has no question to raise at the Conference and does not desire any change in its constitutional relationship with Great Britain. He emphasized that the friends of Canada and the friends of the British Empire need have no concern for the future of either.

U.S. PRINTERS' STRIKE.

NEW YORK, September 22. The publishers and Pressmen's Union have signed a contract eliminating the strikers. The contract gives pressmen an increase of three dollars weekly, a forty-five hour week for dayworkers and forty-one for nightworkers. Following the refusal of most of the strikers to resume under the auspices of the International Pressmen's Union, the President thereof has appealed to all members of local unions in the country to come to New York forthwith and man the presses. All expenses will be refunded and lost time compensated.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HOLLAND'S QUEEN MOTHER.

DEJIFT, September 22. The ceremony of presentation of a national tribute to the Queen Mother and Princess Juliana, consisting of the restoration of the church of Delft, was held in the presence of ministers, Javan princes and Dr. Engelburg, special envoy from South Africa. The Queen, replying, referred particularly to the overseas folk who contributed to the gift and guests representing those of the same stock.

OBITUARY.

MR. HARVEY DIXON, M.P.

LONDON, September 22. The death is announced of Mr. Charles Harvey Dixon, Conservative M.P. for Rutland. Mr. Dixon was returned unopposed at the last election.

MR. DAVID HENDERSON. The death is announced of Mr. David Henderson, 83 years of age, formerly Engineer-in-Chief of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

U.S. WARSHIPS.

NEW YORK, September 23. The Government is inviting bids for twenty-one battleships and cruisers scrapped under the Disarmament Treaty. Six of them will be so on 25th October, namely the "South Dakota," "Indiana," "Montana," "United States," "North Carolina" and "Constitution."

GERMAN CURRENCY.

BERLIN, September 22. The Bill for the creation of a new currency provides for the establishment of a currency bank by agriculture, industry, and trade and commerce, including the transportation and banking world, and property owners. The new money will be called "Bodenmark." The bank will be independent of Government intervention. Its capital, fixed at 2,400,000,000 Reichsmarks, the Bodenmark will consist of a hundred Bodenmarkings, one Bodenmark being worth 0.358 grammes of fine gold. The Bank has been authorized to grant loans to the Reich for the next two years in Bodenmarks up to two milliards, and after two years the Bank will be liquidated. The Reich is forthwith receive from the Bank a loan free of interest of 200,000,000 Reichsmarks, whereas the Reichsbank, which with the Reichsbank, on its part, will buy back against Bodenmarks the Reichsbank paper money in circulation.

JAPAN EARTHQUAKE.

TOKYO, September 23. Loss to Anglican and American Episcopal missions is greater than formerly announced in Tokyo officially. The report shows that eleven churches including Trinity Cathedral, eight institutions including Tsukiji boys and girls schools, and St. Luke's Hospital were burnt down and fourteen churches and nine institutions were damaged by the earthquake. The foregoing list does not include the private residences of missionaries and native workers, several of which are known to have been destroyed, nor places outside Tokyo where losses were also considerable.

CHAOS IN CHINA.

LONDON, September 22. Dealing with Chinese chaos, the *Daily Telegraph* says the world expects stronger action from China than promulgation of pious and fatuous resolutions. The paper considers that it is clear that the Western Powers will be compelled to take action at no distant date.

PAPYRUS FOR U.S.

SOUTHBAMPTON, September 22. Papyrus, accompanied by his stable companion Bar Gold, sailed on the Camard liner "Aquitanus" for America this afternoon. The question of a jockey has not at present been decided.

OPEN GOLF IN U.S.

CHICAGO, September 22. Max Marston beat Sweetser (the holder) in the final of the American Open Amateur Golf Championship at the thirty-eighth hole. THE SEMI-FINALS. In the semi-final Sweetser beat Gardner by 8 and 7; Marston beat Outmet by 3 and 2.

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Hongkong Bank	105 1/2	105 1/2
Chartered Bank	110	110
P. & O. Bank	110 1/2	110 1/2
East Asia Bank	104 1/2	104 1/2
Various Insurances	630 b.	630
China Insurance	140 b.	140
North China Insurance	230 b.	230
Union Insurance	226 b.	226
Insurance Yangtze	27 b.	27
Far Eastern	130	130
Fire Insurance	130 b.	130
Hongkong Fire Insurance	480 a.	480
Shipping	65 b.	65
Hongkong S.S. Co.	38 1/2 b.	38 1/2
H.K. Steamships	150 b.	150
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do. (H.K. Reg.)	135 a.	135
Shell Transport	7 1/2 b.	7 1/2
Star Ferry	53 1/2	53 1/2
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7.20 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 Minutes.

8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 Minutes.

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